Satellite Linked Lottery System by MNCs

1633. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: SHRI RAJUBHHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments including Punjab and Himachal Pradesh had submitted proposals for inviting multinational companies for introducing satellite linked lotteries;

(b) if so, the modus operandi of such lotteries; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto and the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHAMMAD MAQBOOL DAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Misuse of Coloured Lights Overhead on Cars in Delhi

1634. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the blatant misuse of blue, red and coloured lights overhead on cars in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the norms and guidelines laid down for use of such lights and the number and details of cases of misuse of such lights detected in Delhi during the last six months, and the comparative figures for the preceding six months; and

(c) the steps taken to prevent such misuse and the resultant disturbance to road traffic in Delhi, caused thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN 1 HE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHAMMAD MAQBAL DAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Delhi Motor Vehicles Rules, 1993 provide that no motor vehicle owner, except certain specified categories, shall allow or fix any coloured light in the front and on top of the roof other than the rear of the motor vehicle provided that this provision shall not apply to the internal lighting indicator.

A special drive was launched by Delhi Police to prosecute the violators for misuse of coloured lights which resulted in 53 cases of prosecution during first six months of 1997.

Train Dacoities in Bihar

1635. SHRI MUKESH R. PATEL: SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of "Train dacoity" incident is increasing rapidly, particularly in Bihar;

(b) if so, the number of such incidents from July, 1996 to June, 1997; and

(c) what steps have since been taken to avoid such incidents in order to make train journey more safe?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHAMMAD MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) Available information relating to the "incidents of train dacoity" in the country during the year 1996 & 1997 (upto March, 1997 only) is given here below:-

Year	Number of incidents
1996	132
1997	15 (upto March, 97)

The figures on 'train dacoity' in Bihar during the period from January to March, 1997 and the corresponding period of